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SUBJ: GOJ DENIES FOREIGNERS' ENTRY FOR CHOSEN SOREN ANN-
IVERSARY CELEBRATION

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1. CALLING THE DECISION AN "EXCEPTION", GOJ MINISTRY OF JUSTICE DENIED ENTRY TO 150 DELEGATES FROM FIFTY COUNTRIES (PREDOMINANTLY THIRD WORLD) TO PARTICIPATE IN 20TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 25 OF FOUNDING OF CHOSEN SOREN (GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN), THE PRO-PYONGYANG ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN. JUSTICE SAID ENTRY OF DELEGATIONS WOULD HELP AGGRAVATE CONFRONTATION IN JAPAN OF ANTAGONISTS ON KOREAN PENINSULA. MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO JUSTICE, WIDENING OF GULF BETWEEN CONTENDING KOREANS WOULD NOT SERVE JAPAN'S OWN INTERESTS AND
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SECURITY.

2. PRESS FOCUSSED ON DENIAL OF ENTRY TO TWO PRG REPS
TO ATTEND CHOSEN SOREN CELEBRATION. HOWEVER, JUSTICE
TOLD PRESS PRG OFFICIALS WOULD BE ADMITTED FOR BUSINESS
AND OTHER LEGITIMATE PURPOSES.

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3. COMMENT: JAPANESE ARE ANXIOUS TO PREVENT MEETING
FROM TURNING INTO THIRD WORLD-CHOSEN SOREN FESTIVAL
THAT WOULD EXACERBATE DOMESTIC TENSIONS AND COMPLICATE
RELATIONS WITH ROK, ESPECIALLY AT CURRENT DELICATE STAGE.
AT SAME TIME, GOJ DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT
THESE ANXIETIES AFFECT ITS DESIRE TO IMPROVE TIES WITH
NEW SAIGON GOVERNMENT.
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